

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for July 26, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Use both lanes

Drivers are urged to use both lanes as they approach the gates to APG’s Aberdeen Area.

At the barricades, motorists should alternate the right of way – allowing every other car to move into the primary entrance lane, like a zipper.

This more efficient movement of traffic will speed up the process.

The provost marshal warns drivers who pull out in front of other vehicles, block traffic lanes or exhibit other aggressive tendencies, that they are driving on a federal installation and are subject to citations through the federal court system.

Well-Being Council meets today

The Well-Being Action Council will meet 9:30 a.m., July 20, at the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Sheryl Speerstra, 410-306-4522.

ACS family picnic today

Army Community Service will host its annual family picnic and celebrate 41 years of service 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 20 at Maryland Boulevard Field.

Free tickets are available at the Aberdeen Area ACS, building 2754, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 410-278-7572, or at the Edgewood Area ACS, building E-4630, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 410-436-3362.

BJ's membership sale

BJ’s Wholesale Club is offering a 15-month membership, to include two cards for \$30 for all civilian, military, retirees and contract employees.

This offer is good for new customers and for membership renewals.

Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them.

A representative will be available 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 1, at the Recreation Center, in building 3326 and at the Edgewood

See SHORTS, page 7

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

Page 2

Accomplishments

Page 3

Teen named most Outstanding Athlete

Page 5

Army News

Page 6

Community Notes

Page 8

MWR

IRS renews e-mail alert after new scams

IRS

After an increase in scam e-mails, the Internal Revenue Service reminded taxpayers to be on the lookout for bogus e-mails claiming to be from the tax agency.

The IRS saw an increase in complaints in recent weeks about these e-mails, which are designed to trick the recipients into disclosing personal and financial information that could be used to steal the recipients’ identity and financial assets.

“The IRS does not send out unsolicited e-mails asking for personal information,” said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. “Don’t be taken in by these criminals.”

Since November 1999, different scams have been identified, with 20 of those coming in June – the most since 40 were identified in March during the height of the filing season.

Many of these schemes originate outside the United States. To date, investigations by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration have identified sites hosting more than two dozen IRS-related phishing scams. These scam Web sites have been located in many different countries, including Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, China, England, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico,

Poland, Singapore and Slovakia, as well as the United States.

The current scam claiming to come from the IRS, tells recipients that they are due a federal tax refund, and direct them to a Web site that appears to be a genuine IRS site. The bogus sites contain forms or interactive Web pages similar to IRS forms or Web pages but which have been modified to request detailed personal and financial information from the e-mail recipients. In addition, e-mail addresses ending with “.edu” — involving users in the education community — currently seem to be heavily targeted.

The IRS does not send out unsolicited e-mails or ask for detailed personal information via e-mail. Additionally, the IRS never asks people for the PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank or other financial accounts. Tricking consumers into disclosing their personal and financial information, such as secret access data or credit card or bank account numbers, is fraudulent activity which can result in identity theft. Such schemes perpetrated through the Internet are called “phishing” for information.

The information fraudulently obtained is then used to steal the taxpayer’s identity and financial assets. Typically, identity thieves use personal

data to empty the victim’s financial accounts, run up charges on the victim’s existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim’s name and even file fraudulent tax returns.

When the IRS learns of new schemes involving use of the IRS name or logo, it issues consumer alerts warning taxpayers about the schemes.

The IRS also has established an electronic mailbox for taxpayers to send information about suspicious e-mails they receive which claim to come from the IRS. Taxpayers should send the information to: phishing@irs.gov.

More than 7,000 bogus e-mails have been forwarded to the IRS, with nearly 1,300 forwarded in June alone.

The IRS’s mail box allows taxpayers to send copies of possibly fraudulent e-mails involving misuse of the IRS name and logo to the IRS for investigation. Instructions on how to properly submit one of these communications to the IRS may be found on this Web site. Enter the term "phishing" in the search box in the upper right hand corner. Then open the article titled “How to Protect Yourself from Suspicious E-Mails” and scroll through it for the instructions. Following these instructions helps ensure that the bogus e-mails relayed by taxpayers retain critical elements found in the original

e-mail. The IRS can use the information, URLs and links in the bogus e-mails to trace the hosting Web sites and alert authorities to help shut down these fraudulent sites.

However, due to the volume the new mailbox is expected to receive, the IRS will not be able to acknowledge receipt or reply to taxpayers who submit their bogus e-mails. The phishing@irs.gov mailbox is only for suspicious e-mails and not for general taxpayer contact or inquiries.

For information on preventing or handling the aftermath of identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission’s consumer, website; <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/index.html>, and OnGuardOnLine, <http://onguardonline.gov/index.html>. Click on "Topics" to find the identity theft and phishing areas on OnGuardOnLine.

To discuss any of these issues with the staff at Client Services Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Aberdeen Proving Ground, call 410-278-1583 or visit building 310, wing 2.

For information on identity theft prevention and victim assistance in relation to tax administration, visit the IRS Identity Theft Web page on the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov. Enter the term "identity theft" in the search box in the upper right hand corner.

DoD announces next phase of NSPS implementation

DoD

The Department of Defense announced July 12 that it will implement Spiral 1.2 of the National Security Personnel System, a new civilian human resources system, to more than 66,000 employees between October 2006 and January 2007.

The human resources system includes classification, compensation, performance management, staffing and work force shaping elements. The department will continue to implement NSPS to the DoD civilian workforce in phases.

"NSPS is critical to the department's transformation to a results-oriented, mission-focused culture," said Michael Dominguez, principal deputy

under secretary of defense for Personnel and Readiness.

"The performance-based system will create an environment where our employees will be focused on outcomes that support our national security mission, and they will be rewarded for results."

Civilian employees from organizations throughout DoD, including overseas, are included in this group. Each component considered mission, organization and operations, wholeness of units and readiness to implement.

"Organizations have the discretion to convert their work force at anytime during the four-month period," said Mary Lacey, NSPS program executive officer. "Training is critical to the successful transition to

NSPS. We want to give organizations sufficient time to train employees, do it right and implement when they are ready."

Employees will be given new performance plans clearly linked to their organization's mission and strategic goals. They will also be converted to pay bands that replace the General Schedule. Employees will not lose pay upon conversion to NSPS and most will receive an initial adjustment in pay to account for time already earned toward their next within grade increase.

Lacey recently met with Spiral 1.1 senior leaders to identify what worked well during the conversion of the first 11,000 employees, and where improvements need to be made. This information will

assist in planning for implementation of this next phase, referred to as Spiral 1.2.

"We are already assessing implementation for the first group of employees," Lacey said. "We are pleased with what we are seeing thus far, at least with the technical aspects of conversion."

Lacey said personnel actions were completed for the first 11,000 employees with a 99.9 percent accuracy rate and all pay transactions processed successfully at DFAS.

Employees have access to training materials, including a conversion tool in the NSPS 101 Course located on the NSPS Web site. This tool lets employees see an estimate of the value of their within-grade increase buy-in as well as their

career group and pay band.

The performance appraisal cycle for Spiral 1.2 employees begins on their actual day of conversion and ends Sept. 30, 2007. These employees will receive their first performance pay increases in January 2008.

Lacey will meet with Spiral 1.2 leaders and employees throughout the coming months. She will continue to seek feedback from Spiral 1.1 organizations that converted to the system in late April to determine if adjustments to the system are necessary prior to implementation to the next group of employees.

The complete list of organizations included in Spiral 1.2 is available on the NSPS Web site, <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps>.

Burke assumes command of JPM Contamination Avoidance mission

Story by

YVONNE JOHNSON

APG News

The leadership of the Joint Project Manager, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Contamination Avoidance changed hands, July 10, as Col. Kyle T. Burke assumed command from Col. Donald J. Burnett during a Change of Charter Ceremony at the Edgewood Area Conference Center.

Maj. Gen. Stephen V. Reeves, Joint Program Executive Officer, Chemical and Biological Defense, presided over the ceremony.

Reeves praised both as being the type of leaders he could count on.

"We asked him and his whole team to do a lot for us and he’s done that magnificently," Reeves said of Burnett. "We wouldn’t have accomplished what we have if the test equipment and per-

sonnel weren’t up to it, and we thank you very much for that."

Burnett, who retired at the conclusion of the ceremony, thanked Reeves, his family, staff and fellow service members he worked with throughout his career.

"I’ve been fortunate my whole career to be the beneficiary of challenges and opportunities," Burnett said. "I’m very proud of what we’ve done and what we are doing now about weapons of mass destruction."

He thanked co-workers, past and present, the “Aberdeen and Edgewood work force,” Chemical Materials Agency Director Michael Parker and retired Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, former commander of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command for their

See BURKE, page 14

Emphasizing lawnmower safety

DSHE

Every year, injuries and deaths occur because children ride as passengers on riding mowers, small tractors and other machinery.

A few minutes of fun riding is not worth the risk of permanent injury or death.

Yearly lawnmower injuries treated at emergency rooms total more than 87,000, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. More than 20,000 of those people hurt were younger than 25, including an estimated 10,000 children younger than 15 years, were injured with riding lawn mowers.

It is important to eliminate as many of those dangers as possible, especially those dangers that involve children.

Lawn mower injuries include deep cuts, loss of fingers and toes, broken



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/588.html>

and dislocated bones, burns and eye and other injuries. Some injuries are very serious. Both users of mowers and those who are nearby can be hurt.

See SAFTEY, page 4

Army raises enlistment age

Army News Service

The Army has raised the enlistment age to 42, made possible under provisions of the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization Act.

The Army raised the active-duty age limit to 40 in January as an interim step while it worked out the additional medical screening requirements for recruits ages 40 to 42. Before January, an applicant could not have reached his or her 35th birthday. The Army Reserve age limit was raised from 35 to 40 in March 2005.

Raising the maximum age for Army enlistment expands the recruiting pool, provides motivated individuals an opportunity to serve and strengthens the readiness of Army units. More than 1,000 men and women over age 35 have already enlisted since the Army and Army Reserve raised their age limit to 40.

"Experience has shown that older recruits who can meet the physical demands of Army service generally make excellent Soldiers," said Col. Donald Bartholomew, U.S. Army Recruiting Command Assistant Chief of Staff, G5. "They are mature, motivated, loyal and patriotic, and bring with them a wealth of skills and experience to our Army."

"We certainly do not expect for this change to result in a large increase of recruits, however it will allow for those individuals who have the passion for service, but for whatever reason could not serve earlier in their lives, the opportunity to serve the nation now, when the time is right for them," he added.

All applicants must meet eligibility standards, to include passing the physical standards and medical examinations; however those 40 to 42 will be given additional medical screening.

For Shannon D. Morris, 36, of Shreveport, La., enlisting in the U.S. Army was a dream come true. She

said she had wanted to join since she was a teenager but she didn’t get the chance.

"My brother was in the Army and it was always something that I wanted to do," she said. "My father encouraged me to do it, but I became a mother at a young age and that took the priority."

Morris thought she had lost her chance, but learned that the Army had raised its age limit when her son, Robert McLain, began talking with an Army recruiter. She said the more her son talked about his decision, the more interested she became in doing something for herself.

"When Robert told me I might still be young enough, the wheels started turning and I thought this might just be my last opportunity to get the benefits for my education and see the world," she said.

Morris said her family was surprised she wanted to enlist and serve, but they are supportive of her plans. Her mother thought it was a great idea and her husband Rick, a district fire chief who will retire this summer, encouraged her as well.

"My brother thought I was crazy," she joked. "But he also thought it was great that I was doing it, and I couldn’t believe how supportive everyone was of me. It made me proud to know that they were all behind me."

Morris, who will be a petroleum lab specialist, left for basic combat training May 25 and McLain followed May 30 to Fort Benning, Ga., where he began training to become a ranger.

Recruits of all ages are eligible for the same enlistment bonuses and other incentives based on their individual qualifications.

(Editor's note: Compiled from releases by the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Headquarters and the New Orleans Army Recruiting Battalion.)



photo by HEATHER TASSMER
Family Child Care provider Tiphane Simpson watches Cole Ramseur, left, Mark, her son, and Gabriella Cherry play with various toys at her house.

Six CDAs awarded in FCC

Family Child Care

Six Aberdeen Proving Ground Family Child Care Providers reached a new level of success in their careers in April and May of this year.

Tiphane Simpson, Sabrina Tacey, Tahirah Hood, Elvia Pomerat, Lee Mobley and Martina Carr received their Child Development Associate Credential.

The CDA credential is given in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential is awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession. The Department of the Army has a long standing association with the council.

“The Army and the council have an agreement for representative training and assessment expenses for military candidates to be cut in half,” said FCC training and curriculum specialist Beverly Hartgrove.

At APG, Child and Youth Services trainers in each program work with interested staff on the CDA credential. The Department of the Army also has an agreement with the council to pay part of the CDA assessment fee and all of the renewal fee. The Army’s goal is that 25 percent of each program staff hold CDA credentials.

“The percentage of FCC providers who have the CDA credentials is about 25 percent,” Hartgrove said. “We usually exceed the goal because the program is so manageable.”

The CDA Credential is one of the major national efforts to improve child care by evaluating and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care.

“Parents who use child care are especially concerned today about their children’s welfare,” said FCC director Aphrodite Corsi.

With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA credential is observed working with young children or families by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children’s physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

“The CDA credential is having a positive effect on the quality of child care,” Corsi said. Its impact is evident in center-based care, home visitor programs, as well as, family child care. Family child care is the most common form of care for children under 5 years old.

Some providers shared their thoughts on the accomplishment of the credential.

“It was a blessing to receive [the creden-

tial],” Simpson said. “I enjoy working with and helping children and the other providers to grow and learn.”

Simpson is using her credential, which is worth three credits for school, toward an early childhood education associate degree at Harford Community College.

Carr gave a lot of credit to Hartgrove who provided guidance along the way to complete the modules of the credential.

“Miss Beverly is an awesome teacher,” Carr said. “She was always on call if I had any questions and provided a lot of research to help and guide me through it.”

Carr said she would like to thank all of the other people who gave her support such as her husband and the FCC staff.

The providers conduct a variety of activities to meet children’s needs such as engaging them in outside games and taking trips to the pool. Children express themselves through art and music sessions. The providers also teach children about family dining which involves how to feed themselves, manners and how to clean up after themselves, according to Simpson.

Child care staff and parents wanting information on the CDA should write to the Council for Professional Recognition at 2460 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009-3575, or call 202-265-9090 or 800-424-4310.



Family Child Care provider Sabrina Tacey, rear, Lucas Umbarger and Faith Tacey play with puzzles. Sabrina is one of six providers who received their Child Care Development Associate Credential in April and May.

RDECOM civilian receives second NAACP award

Story by
ASHLEY JOHN
TARDEC

A U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command employee received the 2006 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award at the 97th NAACP Annual Convention in Washington, D.C., July 18.

Gregory Chappelle, who works for RDECOM’s Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, Warren, Mich., will accept the award for his educational outreach efforts with low-income middle school students from southeastern Michigan, and for his years of dedication to the U.S. Army’s eCybermission program.

The NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award is granted annually to American military or civilian personnel who have distinguished themselves by contributing to military equal opportunity programs.

This is Chappelle’s second Roy Wilkins Award; he received his first NAACP award in 2003 for his educational outreach efforts with middle school students, and for 10 years of service with the nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions.

In 2005, Chappelle coached eighth grade students from Durfee Middle School, Detroit, Mich., to first place in the Northwest Regional eCybermission competition. The team also competed in the eCybermission National Finals in Washington, D.C., where they won a total of \$26,000 for their project: The reduction of pedestrian fatalities in the USA and Canada.

“The environment that these students grow-up in is very tough,” Chappelle said. “It is extremely motivating to see them [students] grow when they are placed into an environment which allows them to be creative. It is rewarding to see that I have impacted their lives in a positive way, inspiring them to achieve their goals.

“The environment inner city middle school students grow up in is very tough. I have found that these middle school students excel in learning complex math, science, engineering and dentistry when exposed to these academic areas on university campuses in the U.S. and Canada,” he said.

Last year Chappelle received citations from the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit for being an outstanding role model



Gregory Chappelle

and educator for inner-city and low-income students in Detroit and southeastern Michigan.

Since 2003, Chappelle’s eCybermission students have won more than \$60,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds.

In February 2005, Chappelle received his second U.S. Black Engineer of the Year Award for teaching sixth through ninth grade Detroit students’ mathematics, chemistry, dentistry, physics, material and electrical engineering and handwriting.

Chappelle was the first black teacher to lead an all Black team to the National eCybermission “Final Four,” championship.

Chappelle currently serves as TARDEC’s HBCU/MI Liaison Officer, and is still involved with numerous outreach efforts. Over the past 16 years, Chappelle has made astounding contributions to the U.S. Army’s HBCU/MI, Recruitment of Minorities and the eCybermission outreach programs.

In 2003, Chappelle founded the Science and Math Teacher-Student Exchange Program between the United States and Canada. He holds degrees in chemistry, physics and electrical engineering, and holds teaching certificates for secondary education in chemistry, physics and mathematics.

(Editors note: Ashley John works in the Public Communications Office at TARDEC.)

APG battalion donates to fellow warriors

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

A Baltimore company’s project to instill a team-building mentality in its employees paired with an Aberdeen Proving Ground battalion’s desire to deliver a compassionate gesture to fellow warriors, resulted in the donation of thousands of dollars in goods and merchandise to the wounded warriors of Walter Reed Army Medical Center July 11.

The 143rd Ordnance Battalion, led by Sgt. 1st Class Troy Weaver, solicited donations from fellow Soldiers and local companies for the WRAMC Red Cross and the wounded warriors and their family members housed on the hospital compound.

Weaver said the project was conceived by his wife, Kelly, who got the idea after employee training sponsored by her company DaVita Dialysis .

She said the training involved completing a charitable project for needy children.

“It was an eye-opening experience that showed how much we could accomplish as a team,” Kelly said, adding that her supervisor challenged her and her coworkers to find other worthy projects to work on to keep the ‘team spirit’ going.

“I thought of doing something for the

Soldiers at Walter Reed and it just grew from there,” she said.

Weaver said he was stunned by the willingness of his fellow Soldiers and surrounding businesses to contribute to the cause.

“It just makes sense that something like this should come from Soldiers,” he said. “Those guys could be any one of us.”

“We all have families too so we know that this stuff is not only needed, but appreciated,” he added.

Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Linwood Clark and Command Sgt. Maj. Luis Rivera accompanied Weaver, Kelly and Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Williams to the Red Cross Office where they were greeted by Joan Retelle, station chair, and Terri Oshiro, station manager.

“This is great because so many people want to help but they are not sure how,” Oshiro said, as she led a tour of the facility that contained rooms filled with donated items from veterans’ organizations, scout groups and individuals from around the country.

“We are privileged to distribute these needed items to our troops who have been through so much for us,” Retelle added.

The monetary donations included a \$2,000 check from the Weavers, three \$25 checks and one \$20 check from battalion Soldiers.

See DONATION, page 13



From left, the 143rd Ordnance Battalion’s Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Williams, Command Sgt. Major Luis Rivera, Sgt. 1st Class Troy Weaver and his wife Kelly, transport a pallet full of items the unit donated to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center’s Red Cross into the hospital’s storage area.

APG News

The APG News, a civilian enterprise newspaper, is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. Army. Contents of the APG News are not necessarily official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army or the U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground. The newspaper is published weekly by the APG Public Affairs Office, ATTN: IMNE-APG-PA, APG, MD 21005-5001, 410-278-1150. Printed circulation is 8,900.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the printer shall refuse to print advertising from that source.

Editorial content is prepared, edited and approved by the APG Public Affairs Office. The APG News is printed by Homestead Publishing Company, a private firm in no way connected with the Department of the Army, under exclusive written contract with APG. The civilian printer is responsible for commercial advertising. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Army or Homestead Publishing Company of the products or services advertised.

For advertising matters, call Homestead Publishing, 410-838-4400. Send articles or information for publication to the APG Public Affairs Office, Building 2201, IMNE-APG-PA, APG, MD 21005-5001; call the editor at 410-278-1150, DSN 298-1150; send a fax to 410-278-2570; or send e-mail to editor@apg.army.mil.

Deadline for copy is Thursday at noon for the following Thursday’s paper.

Staff

APG Commander Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau
APG Garrison Commander Col. John T. Wright
Public Affairs Officer George P. Mercer
Editor Debi Horne
Editorial Assistant Marguerite Towson
Contract Photojournalists Yvonne Johnson
..... Heather Tassmer
Graphic Designer/Web Designer Nick Pentz
Web site www.apgnews.apg.army.mil.

APG teen wins state track competition

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

An Aberdeen Proving Ground teenager surprised family and friends when she was one of three teens named Most Outstanding Athlete for Harford County after competing in three events at the Hershey’s Track and Field state championships held at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, Md., June 24.

Alyssa Anderson, 13, is the daughter of Master Sgt. George Anderson, a logistics analyst with the U.S. Army Evaluation Center, and Michelle Anderson, a human resources specialist with the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

During the contest, in which athletes from throughout the state were in attendance, Anderson placed first in the softball throw with a toss measuring 118 feet, 8 inches; third in the 1,600 meter run with a time of 6 minutes, 15 seconds and fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2 minutes, 48 seconds.

Her time in the 1,600-meter run was the third best for girls in the 13-14 age group.

The accomplishment was stunning for Anderson who said that up until the county competition she entered to qualify for the state meet she had never run in an organized competition outside of gym class.

“I knew I had it in me but I really surprised myself,” Anderson said.

During the Harford County competition, held at John Carroll High School May 13, Anderson placed first or second in each event to move on to the state level.

As a reward for a solid effort in three events, she was named the “Most Outstanding Athlete” for the state finals. The athletes who will represent the Northeast region in the National Championships to be held Aug. 5 in Hershey, Pa., will be determined by overall top scores in each event once all of the states in the region have completed their finals.

Bill Blewett, director of the Harford County competition, submitted Anderson’s name along with the two other recipients after the Hershey’s track meet.

“She gave a good effort in all three events,” Blewett said. “She was a very strong competitor with a lot of talent.”

Anderson said that although she doesn’t expect to move on, she is still pleased with her accomplishment and what it could mean for her high school years.

“I plan to go out for track and field and



Alyssa Anderson works out on the Aberdeen High School track and, left insert, poses with the medals and trophy she won after being named one of Harford County’s Most Outstanding Athletes in the Hershey’s Track & Field championships.

hopefully qualify for an athletic scholarship in one or two sports for college,” she said, adding that she specifically hopes to earn a soccer scholarship to the University of North Carolina as she feels she is best at, “soccer, then track, then basketball, in that order.”

Her father added that his daughter has already caught the attention of local track coaches.

“They’re already calling and asking what her plans are,” George said.

He said he knew his daughter’s potential, and when they heard about the John Carroll track and field meet, he thought that she should give it a shot.

“It was held on one of the few weekends we weren’t busy with other family activities, so we said “Let’s do it.” She may not go to the nationals but we’ll take this,” he added, noting “I played everything when I was in school but I never ran track. I earned nine varsity letters and now her goal is to earn 10.”

Anderson enters her freshman year at Aberdeen High School in September.

Hershey’s Track & Field Games

www.hersheys.com

In its 29th year, the Hershey’s Track & Field Youth Program has become the largest youth sports program of its kind in North America. For the past 27 years, the mission statement has been to provide a quality recreation and school program for children, promoting physical fitness through basic track and field events such as running, jumping and throwing.

Participants compete against other youths from their local area, and have an opportunity to advance to the state and regional competitions and ultimately qualify for the North American Final Meet.

The Hershey Company provides national funding for the program. Its partners include the National Recreation and Park Association, USA Track & Field and Athletics Canada. Hershey’s Track & Field Games is the largest youth sports program of its kind with more than 400,000 children participating in the program annually, representing more than 3,000 communities across the country. To learn more, visit the Hershey’s Track & Field Games Web site, <http://www.hersheys.com/trackandfield/>.

Why the high grass?

DIO

The installation mowing contract was suspended due to severe cuts in the Garrison operating budget for fiscal year 2006.

Due to the severity of the shortfall the contract will not be renewed for this year and interim measures will be undertaken by the directorates of Installation Operations and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.

Garrison provided services

Mowing will be performed in the Housing areas to include, playgrounds, bus stops and quarters awaiting occupancy. Other areas to be maintained include the Commissary, AAFES and chapels, gate entrances and surety areas, roadway intersections, police and emergency buildings and munitions storage areas, Child Development centers, Youth Services centers, Top of the

Bay Conference Center, lodging and recreational centers and picnic areas.

Other areas will be considered as the need arises and funds allow.

Additional information will be provided as it is available. DIO invites all the help the garrison community can provide in maintaining the grounds on post.

For further information or suggestions, contact George Phillips, 410-306-2311.



Safety

From front page

An extra rider on a mower is an invitation to trouble. Riders should never mow with a child on their lap.

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the mower and the mowing activity. Never assume that children will remain where last seen.

To prevent lawn mower injuries to children, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends:

- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe mower operation.
- Keep small children out of the mowing area, preferably indoors under the watchful care of an adult other than the operator.
- Be alert and turn the mower off if children enter the area.
- Before and when operating in reverse, look behind and down for small children.
- Use extra care when approaching corners, shrubs, and trees.
- Do not allow children younger than age 14 to use riding mowers. Do not allow children younger than 12 to use walk-behind mowers.
- Only use a power mower with a control that stops the mower if the handle is let go. This control should never be disconnected.
- Make sure that sturdy shoes (not sandals or sneakers) are worn while mowing.
- Prevent injuries from flying objects, such as stones or toys, by picking up objects from the lawn before mowing begins. Use a collection bag for grass clippings or a plate that covers the opening where cut grass is released. Have anyone who uses a mower wear protective eyewear.
- Start and refuel mowers outdoors, not in a garage or shed. Mowers should be refueled with the motor turned off and cool.

Keep safety first and foremost in mind. A lawn mower is a serious piece of equipment. It is a dangerous attraction for young children. Don't use a mower as an entertainment ride for children.

Army News

Army Civilian Corps established

Story by
ANDRICKA HAMMONDS
Army News Service

Top Army leaders announced the establishment of the Army Civilian Corps last month.

“The Army Civilian Corps is meant to unify the Army civilian service and embody the commitment of civilians who serve as an integral part of our Army team,” said Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker in a joint memorandum to Army personnel.

Army civilians work side by side with Soldiers deployed around the world. They have played many roles in America’s fight against terror, from assisting in reconstruction projects in Iraq and Afghanistan to training Soldiers for deployment.

“The Corps provides identity for the civilian force comparable to their military counterparts – the officer, enlisted and

NCO Corps,” said Melinda McMillon Darby, assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel.

The Army Civilian Corps Creed and the memorandum establishing the Corps are available at the civilian personnel Web site at www.cpol.army.mil under “Top Army Initiatives.”

Establishment of the Corps is a result of a study conducted by the Army Training and Leadership Development Panel from August 2001 to February 2003. Through written and online surveys with civilians, focus-group sessions and personal interviews, an executive panel comprised of senior civilian and military subject-matter-experts concluded the needs and concerns of Army civilians.

The study also resulted in the November 2004 establishment of the Civilian Advisory Board, which serves as an advocate for civilian matters raised to the Army Chief of Staff.



ARMY CIVILIAN CORPS CREED

- *I am an Army Civilian – a member of the Army Team.*
- *I am dedicated to our Army, our Soldiers and Civilians.*
- *I will always support the mission.*
- *I provide stability and continuity during war and peace.*
- *I support and defend the Constitution of the United States and consider it an honor to serve our Nation and our Army.*
- *I live the Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.*
- *I am an Army Civilian.*

Cell phones compete for drivers’ attention

Story by
J.T. COLEMAN
Army News Service

Psychologists at the University of Utah published a study June 29 showing that motorists who talk on handheld or hands-free cellular phones are as impaired while driving as drunks.

Driver inattention is the leading factor in 80 percent of vehicle crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

“Just as you put yourself and other people at risk when you drive drunk, you put yourself and others at risk when you use a cell phone and drive. The level of impairment is very similar,” said David Strayer, a psychology professor and the study’s lead author.

Army Regulation 190-5, “Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision,” states that anyone driving a motor vehicle on a Department of Defense installation cannot use a cell phone unless the vehicle is safely parked or the driver is using a hands-free device.

“The regulation covering cell phone use while driving is the minimum standard to be enforced,” said Fred Bucher, acting Policy Branch chief of the Law Enforcement Branch in the Pentagon.

Aberdeen Proving Ground implemented the regulation

March 2. (See *APG News* March 2 issue for more information.)

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command has initiated a policy that active-duty members must also use a hands-free device while driving their vehicles off post, Bucher added.

Information in the Army’s Risk Management Information System data base, shows that a Soldier distracted by her cell phone while driving accidentally steered into oncoming traffic. The Soldier overcorrected the vehicle trying to get back in her lane and lost control. The vehicle rolled three times and injured the Soldier.

Military statistics don’t directly link ‘cell phone use

while driving’ to accidents.

“However, many officers are writing in the remarks section of citations that drivers were on the phone when they violated rules of the road with illegal lane changes or speeding,” Bucher said.

Since April, more than 212 million people in the United States are using cell phones compared to about 4.3 million during 1990, according to the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association.

“The bottom line is driving requires your full attention,” Bucher said.

(Editor’s note: J.T. Coleman works for the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center Public Affairs Office.)

Community Notes

**FRIDAY
JULY 21
ISLAND ADVENTURES
ON THE SKIPJACK
MARTHA LEWIS**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer Island Estuary Adventures onboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis for children ages 11 through 15. The day camp is an educational, hands-on experience teaching campers the history of the skipjack, oyster harvesting and the importance of preserving the Chesapeake Bay and its waterways. Children will study water quality and Bay grasses on the water and on an island just below Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$35 per child. To make reservations, call 410-939-4078.

**SATURDAY
JULY 22
YARD SALE**

Edgewood Assembly of God,

located at 803 Edgewood Road, will hold a yard sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Haircuts will be available by a licensed beautician. There will also be a car wash.

For more information call Tara, 410-585-5224.

All proceeds will go to benefit Frontline Youth Ministries and their various outreaches.

CRITTER DINNERTIMES

Come watch turtles, fish and snakes eat, and learn more about them. This program begins at 11 a.m. No registration. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

BEL AIR BOOK FESTIVAL

The Harford County Public Library, Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission and the Highland School Foundation will co-host the Bel Air Book Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Shamrock Park. Guests will include Mary Jo Putney, author of Stolen Magic; "The Book Guys" of National Public Radio; and "Kidsinger Jim" Hossick will entertain the preschool children. The festival is free to the public. For more information, call Kathy Casey, 443-512-8200 or e-mail her at belairbook-festival@yahoo.com.

A CRAB'S LIFE

Ever wonder what makes a crab tick? Come out and

learn a little about Marylanders' favorite feast.

Do a little feasting as well. Participants will be given a half dozen crabs and can bring non-alcoholic drinks. This program is from 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 through adult and is \$10. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Kathy Heatono, 410-378-3594, or VFW Post 8185, 410-642-9297.

**TUESDAY
JULY 25
TOASTMASTERS
MEETING**

Susquehanna Toastmasters Club 3898 will hold its regular meeting 11:45 a.m. in the Old Baltimore Room at Top of the Bay on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

This club is open to anyone on or off post who wants to improve their communication, leadership and listening skills and to overcome the fear of public speaking.

The meeting will last about an hour and lunch will be available.

For more information or directions, call Jesse Barber, 410-322-7748.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.)

MOVIES

**ADMISSION:
ADULTS \$3.50,
CHILDREN \$1.75**

**Building 3245
Aberdeen Boulevard**

**To verify listing,
call 410-272-9008,
or visit
www.aafes.com
and click on
"Movie Listing."**

CARS

Friday, July 21, 7 p.m.

Animated

Lightning McQueen, a hot-shot rookie race car, embarks on a trip down Route 66, headed to California and the big Piston Cup Championship race. Along the way, he meets Sally, a snazzy 2002 Porsche, Doc Hudson, a 1951 Hudson Hornet; and Mater, a rusty tow truck. Together they help Lightning realize there's more to life than first place. (Rated G)

**THE FAST AND THE
FURIOUS: TOKYO
DRIFT (FREE ADMISSION)**

Saturday, July 22, 7 p.m.

Starring: Lucas Black, Brandon Brendel, Zachery Ty Bryan, Daniel Booko

After totaling his car in an illegal street race, Shaun Boswell (Black) is sent to live with his father, who is in the military, in Tokyo, Japan, to avoid juvy or even jail. While in school, he befriends Twinkie (Bow Wow), a "military brat." Twinkie introduces him to the world of racing in Japan. Though forbidden to drive, he decides to race against D.K., the "Drift King", who has ties to the Yakuza, and loses, totaling the car because of his lack of knowledge of drifting, racing that involves dangerous hair pin turns. To repay his debt, he enters the underground world of drift street racing. As he becomes better and better, he must finally prove his worth in that world by once again racing D.K. (Rated PG-13)

Host families needed

The 2006 World Series event will take place Aug.13 through 20.

The 15 teams attending the World Series are comprised of 11 and 12 year olds from all over the world: eight teams from regions across the United States, the Maryland State Champion, a Harford County representative and five international teams including Canada, Australia, Mexico, the Republic of Korea and the Dominican Republic.

More than 50 host families are still needed for this year. Becoming a host family is a rewarding experience based on comments from other host families. Providing room and board, transportation, a new social and cultural experience and a big heart can help make this community initiative a fun and triumphant event.

For more information, contact Kallie Wasserman at Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, 1427 Clarkview Road, Suite 100, Baltimore, MD 21209, kwasserman@ripkenfoundation.org or 410-823-0808.

Post Shorts

Recreation Center, building E-4140, July 25 and Aug. 23.

All major credit cards, checks and cash will be accepted for payment.

For more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603/4771.

Ed Center holds FAST Math class

A Functional Academic Skills Training Math class will run 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, through July 24, in building 4305, room 214. There will be no class on RDO Fridays.

Participation is limited to active duty Soldiers only and is geared to raise their General/Technical Score.

To enroll, call the Army Education Center, 410-306-2042 or DSN 458-2042.

RAB holds meeting July 27

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., July 27, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Westwood Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

Vacation Bible School

The APG Post Chapel Ecumenical Vacation Bible School will be held 6 to 8:45 p.m., Aug. 7 through 11 for preschoolers ages 4 and 5 and children completing kindergarten through grade 7.

This year's theme, "Fiesta," welcomes children to be fired up about Jesus. Get ready for an exciting celebration of Jesus' love filled with lively mariachi bands, colorful folkloric costumes, spicy chili peppers and warm friends.

Registration forms are avail-

able at the Main Post Chapel.

Volunteers are needed to assist in planning and training meetings scheduled for July 19.

For more information or to register, call Gerri Merkel, 410-278-2516, or e-mail her at gerri.merkel@apg.army.mil, call Clarence Weaver, 443-567-8934, or Bernadette Kovalsick, 410-322-5206 or 410-306-2345.

Deadline for registration is July 31.

Office Eagle Showroom grand opening

Office Eagle will hold a showroom grand opening 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aug. 2, building 320, Johnson Street. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and free design and layout demonstrations will be provided. Music, food and door prizes also will be available.

For more information, call Barry Councill, 410-297-4950

Deputy assistant secretary to visit APG

The Acquisition Support Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground will present "Meet the MILDEP." Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac Jr., military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T), will visit APG 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 2 at the Post Theater.

Yakovac will speak with the work force and share his visions and objectives regarding the future of Army acquisition. Current topics of interest impacting the acquisition community will be discussed. The work force will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues.

The acquisition work force is encouraged to attend. Registration is not required.

For more information about Yakovac, visit [https://web-](https://web-portal.saalt.army.mil/main/bio/mildep_bio.htm)

[portal.saalt.army.mil/main/bio/mildep_bio.htm](https://web-portal.saalt.army.mil/main/bio/mildep_bio.htm).

9th Area Medical Laboratory change of command ceremony

The 9th Area Medical Laboratory change of command ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m., Aug. 9, on McBride Parade Field in Edgewood.

Col. Thomas M. Logan will relinquish command to Col. David W. Craft.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the National Guard Armory.

For more information, call Pfc. Shakeita Lockett, 410-436-7268/7273.

Working Woman's Scholarship nominations open

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women presents an annual \$300 scholarship called the 2006 Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship to a deserving woman to pay for or offset college expenses incurred in pursuit of her continuing education.

To qualify nominee must:

- Be a female employee in any federal job in Baltimore, Cecil or Harford County.
- Currently be pursuing college-level education studies.
- Prepare a short essay (not to exceed one type-written page) summarizing educational plans and explaining how this scholarship will be used.
- Provide the name; home and work addresses; home and work telephone numbers; e-mail addresses; name and telephone number of current supervisor (to confirm federal employment); and name of nominee's educational institution.

Submit application to the Maryland Tri-County FEW Scholarship, c/o Suzanne Schultz, 952 Chesapeake Drive, Havre de Grace, MD 21078 no later than Aug. 12.

The winner will be

announced during the APG Women's Equality Day observance and awards ceremony 10 to 11:30 a.m., Aug. 23, at the Edgewood Conference Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, call Suzanne Schultz, 410-278-9514, or Melissa Smith, 410-642-2411, x5129.

APG Newcomer Orientation scheduled

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Newcomer Orientation will be held 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 16, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326. All military, civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited and get acquainted with the military and civilian community at APG. Representatives of support agencies/organizations will be present to discuss their activities.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service, 410-278-9669.

Blue Star Families of Central Maryland welcomes new members

The military families support group, Blue Star Families of Central Maryland, meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 109 located at 1610 Sulphur Spring Road in Halethorpe, Md.

Anyone who has a loved one serving in the armed forces, or is serving, and would like to meet other military families can attend. For more information, visit Web site <http://www.geocities.com/bluestarfamiliesofcentralmd> or e-mail BlueStarFamiliesOfCentralMD@yahoo.com for additional information.

(Editors Note: More shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

All services, classes and events are available to DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, family members and guests. For information on these or any other events, please check out www.apgmwr.com.

Rolling Reader

The Harford County Public Library's outreach vehicle, the Rolling Reader, will join Child and Youth Services in providing a free summer recreation program for children not enrolled in the CYS Summer Camp program. CYS will provide arts, crafts and game activities while children wait to go into the Rolling Reader to check out books. Children will be able to check out and return their books at the Rolling Reader or any Harford County Public Library. The Harford County Public Library's Summer Reading Program, "Clue into Reading"

includes a free tote bag upon registration. Fun activities encourage children to complete the program and receive a free book.

Library cards will be available on site for parents and children who do not have one.

Parents must bring a valid driver's license, military ID with orders, or a recent utility bill with a local address. Children under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian fill out a library card registration form. Forms are available through the Harford County Public Library Web site www.hcplonline.info, under, "Library Services" or through on the installation at Outreach Services, in building 2752, office 201.

Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Meetings will be held on Thursdays throughout the summer 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at

Skipper's Point Park in Edgewood July 20 and Aug. 3 and 17, and in Aberdeen at the New Chesapeake Playground July 13 and 27 and Aug. 10.

Army Community Services is located in building 2754, Rodman Road. For information about these or any other services that ACS offers, call 410-278-7474/2453.

Parent Information Exchange (PIE)

This program is for Exceptional Family Members and is 6 to 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. This support group is designed to assist military families who have family members with special needs. Its goals are to improve the members' ability to cope and discuss community resources. Free child care is available; call in advance if needed.

Play Mornings

ACS offers a weekly play group on Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. for parents and children under 6-years-old to meet other parents while their children socially interact with each other. This is an ongoing program and play groups are held in the APG Chapel, room 5.

ACS Birthday Picnic

There is no cost to attend the ACS birthday picnic, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 20 at Maryland Boulevard Field. Free tickets are available at Aberdeen ACS, building 2754, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 410-278-7572, or at Edgewood ACS, building E-4630, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 410-436-3362.

For all SKIESUnlimited programs contact Central Registration for details and

registration. An additional \$18 Central Registration Fee will apply if not already enrolled in the Child and Youth Services Program. Call 410-278-7479/7571 for an appointment to register.

Volunteers needed

Anyone interested in teaching classes such as kindermusik, history, grammar, reading, and mommy and me tumbling, should call Sarah Behl, 410-278-4589.

For more information call 410-278-4589.

Spirit Unlimited Summer Cheer Camp

Spirit unlimited instructors work with participants to help them be their best providing young cheerleaders and dancers with an age appropriate curriculum that will challenge them and bring them a sense of accomplishment. The camp includes cheerleading and dance fundamentals for all participants to have fun learning and performing. The staff is made up of college and professional instructors from the University of Maryland, Towson State University, George Washington University, the Baltimore Ravens, the Washington Redskins and many more.

Class will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 to 11 a.m. July 13, Aberdeen Recreation Center and is for children ages 6 to 15. Cost is \$60.

Drivers education

Several sessions of drivers' education are being taught on both Aberdeen and Edgewood. Students 15 to 18 years of age must attend and complete 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours in car instructions. Student must have a Learners Permit. Parents, guardians, or mentors must attend the first class with student.

Chess

Chess classes will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Students will learn the basic rules of chess, offensive and defensive strategies, how to gain advantage over opponents, what to do when behind, and moving a piece to obtain superior board position will be covered.

Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking classes will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesdays in building 2752. All materials are included except students will need to bring in their own photos.

Students will make a new layout during every class.

Jujitsu

Jujitsu classes will be held 6 to 7 p.m., Monday at the Aberdeen Youth Center Gym. Grandmaster Soto, a 10th degree black and red belt, will be instructing.

Basic auto mechanic class

Basic Auto Mechanic classes designed to enable the student to perform maintenance on a vehicle's engine and accessories will be held 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday nights at Automotive Crafts, building 2379.

For information on Outdoor Programs, call Charles Heinsohn, 410-278-3868. To sign up for a class, visit MWR Registration, located in building 3326, call 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil or visit Web site, www.apgmwr.com.

MWR Summer Fishing Tournament

This is a cash prize tournament Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 13 at Woodpecker Point Picnic Area in the Aberdeen Area. Winners will be determined by the biggest fish (by weight). Contestants must provide their own fishing equipment and bait. Tournament rules and state fishing laws will be enforced. Fishing license is not required. Registration deadline is Aug. 10. Fees are active duty, \$5; civilians, \$10 and families, \$15.

Wilderness Challenge

Join 80 other military teams in a three-day endurance event in scenic Fayetteville, West Va., Oct. 5 thru 7. Teams are made up of four active duty personnel and consist of any gender combination, however one team member must be female. Registration and clinics will be held on Thursday; mountain run, whitewater swim and whitewater raft race will be held on Friday and on Saturday, mountain bike, Duckie race, mountain hike, awards and dinner will end the event.

Registration is open. Visit www.ima.army.mil/northeast/newtemplatesite/sites/local/default.asp for more information. For more information, call 757-788-5280 or DSN 680-5280.

Hunter's Safety Class

Hunter's Safety Classes will be held 6 to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. on Saturdays, at building 4303 on

Boothby Hill Road in the DSHE training room to the rear of the building. Dates include Aug. 7, 9 and 12.

There will also be a one-day independent study class on Sept. 10 for students age 16 and older. Registration for the class will be held 2 to 4 p.m., Aug. 20 at the APG Bowmen Club Pavilion. The fee is \$7 and covers instructional materials (books/manuals). Only 25 student books and manuals will be available at the time of registration on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The course will be taught by Frank and Juanita Snyder.

For more information, call Carol Swam, DSHE, 410-436-2967.

To sign up for the class, contact MWR Registration, located in building 3326. They may be contacted at 410-278-4011/4907, by e-mail at mwr_registration@apg.army.mil or on Web site, www.apgmwr.com.

For information on these or any other division of sports and fitness, call Ralph Cuomo, 410-278-2812.

Amateur Boxing Night

Come watch the 143rd Ordnance Battalion battle the 16th Ordnance Battalion July 29 at Hoyle Gym in Edgewood. Doors open at 5 p.m., fights begin at 6 p.m. Cost is active duty, \$5; non-military, \$10; or ring-side seating, \$20.

For more information contact MWR Registration, 410-278-4011/4907 or visit www.apgmwr.com.

To sign up for a youth sport, contact Central Registration, building 2752, 41-278-7571/7479. All sports participants must have a current sports physical, due at registration and be a member of Youth Services.

Coaches needed

Anyone interested in volunteering to coach, or would like more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Challenger Soccer Camp

Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp is the largest camp in the United States. More than 65,000 boys and girls will learn the "Challenger Way" this summer. The camp includes individual skill development, professional British coaching staff, programs for all levels, daily world cup style tournament, free ball and free T-shirt. Camp dates are July 24 thru 28; times vary by age. To register, visit www.challengersports.com.

Arts & Crafts

Aberdeen Arts and Crafts is located in building 2407. Edgewood Arts and Crafts is located in building E-4440. For information, call Debbie Brooks-Harris, 410-278-4207 or Holly Shisler, 410-436-2153.

Pottery Studio

Edgewood Arts and Crafts Pottery Studio has everything needed to create a hand-painted work of art and nifty design tools. Prices range from \$3 to \$25.

Stained Glass class

Students make a small sun-catcher using the copper foil method of stained glass. The class is held the third Saturday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$35, including supplies.

Framing

This class covers the basics of matting and framing. Students must bring an 8 x 10 picture to class to frame. The class is held the last Saturday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$45 not including supplies. This class is required to use the framing area.

Woodshop Orientation

Woodshop Safety Class is required to use the woodshop. It covers basic techniques while working in woodshop. The class is offered the first Saturday of each month from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and the cost is \$8.

HEY KIDS!

THIS SUMMER HOLLYWOOD HITS YOUR BOWLING CENTER!

GET YOUR GAME CARD AT THE BOWLING CENTER!

101 FREE GAMES OF BOWLING! BUY 1 - GET 1 FREE!

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

- **Hoot** movie package...the book, the soundtrack, the DVD!

BE THE MOST POPULAR KID IN TOWN!

- Take 100 friends to a private screening party...
How To Eat Fried Worms

Bowl your way to other great prizes

Promotion runs Memorial Day to Labor Day
(Visit your Bowling Center for details.)

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Week of July 18

Special #1: Chicken filet club with cheese and bacon (choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions), French fries, one cookie and soda for \$5.95

Special #2: chicken salad sub with cheese and bacon (choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions), chips, one cookie and soda for \$7.25

Week of July 25

Special #1: Cheeseburger sub, French fries, one cookie and soda for \$5.25

Special #2: Tuna sub with choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions; chips, one cookie and soda for \$4.95.

The snack bar has a variety of items to choose from including hot meals, burgers, subs, sandwiches, baskets and pizza.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Library, located in the Recreation Center, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The following are a few of the new titles available at the APG MWR Library:

Getting Through What You're Going Through: comfort, hope, and encouragement from the twenty-third psalm by Robert Schuller

AWOL: the unexcused absence of America's upper classes from the military and how it hurts our country by Kathy Roth-Douquet

Songbird Journeys: four seasons in the

lives of migratory birds by Miyoko Chu

I Love Crab Cakes!: 50 recipes for an American classic by Tom Douglas

The President's Counselor: the rise to power of Alberto Gonzales by Bill Minutaglio

America Against the World: how we are different and why we are disliked by Andrew Kohut

Computers available at the library

The APG MWR Library has 10 computers for public use, where individuals can access the AKO pages. Among the items available on The Army Libraries site on AKO are E-Books, the Automotive Reference Center, Homework Help and Test Preparations.

For example, a portal to trusted health care information resources for Soldiers and AKO users is on the AKO My Health page, <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/300434>.

My Health includes the following channels:

- Getting Started - Quick Links
- Reference Center
- Health Topics - A-Z Guides
- CNN Health News RSS newsfeed
- Links to MedlinePlus, TRICARE Online and Other Databases
- Deployment Health links
- Self-Assessment eTools
- Health Promotion & Wellness links
- Book Reviews on Diet Books and Weight Management Videos

The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

Maryland Renaissance Festival tickets available at MWR

Discount tickets for the Maryland Renaissance Festival cost \$13.50 for adults ages 16 years and over and \$7.50 for children ages 7 to 15 years. Prices at the gate cost \$17 for adults and \$8 for children. The festival is open weekends, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 26 through Oct. 22. The Maryland Renaissance Festival is located on 1801 Crownsville Road in Annapolis. Handicapped parking is available next to the Main Gate. When entering the parking lot, follow the signs to the designated handicapped parking area.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger, 410-278-3931 or visit <http://www.rennfest.com/>.



Maryland State Fair tickets available

The Cow Palace, "Fire On The Midway" Chili Competition, "Battle of the Beast" Bullriding, food, rides and more await visitors to the Maryland State Fair at Timonium Fair Grounds, Md., Aug. 25 through Sept. 4.

Admission tickets cost \$5 per person and include concert series with Raven Symone, Chris Cagle and Sawyer Brown. All-you-can-ride vouchers cost \$16 per person.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger, 410-278-3931 or visit <http://www.bcpl.net/~mdstfair/>.





New vaccinations introduced for children

Story by
HEIDI JACKSON
KUSAHC

Vaccinations are a very important part of physical exams for children, protecting them from harmful and potentially fatal diseases.

Many diseases in the United States are not as common and widespread as they are in other countries due to better nutrition and better sanitation, and most importantly, vaccines. But, many parents ask that if these diseases are not as common in the United States than in other countries, why are children still being.

Children are vaccinated for these diseases because many of the diseases are brought in from travelers who have visited or are visiting from other countries. Military families are at a higher risk of obtaining these diseases since many of them have traveled and lived abroad.

Vaccines work very well in preventing children from contracting serious illnesses such as diphtheria, polio, tetanus, hepatitis, meningitis, and are about 90 to 99 percent effective.

The side effects to these vaccines are minimal. Fever

and soreness at the site of the injection may occur, but Tylenol™ can be given to help ease these side effects. Rarely do severe side effects occur, and the benefits from the vaccine far outweigh the side effects.

During a child's first two years of life, a series of immunizations are given during the well-baby visits. It is important to attend these well-baby visits to receive the immunizations as scheduled and not fall behind. When the child turns four years of age, another set of immunizations is required, and must be administered before entering preschool and/or daycare. These immunizations are the DTaP (diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus), the IPV (polio), the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella), and the Hep A (hepatitis A vaccine-if not already received).

The next time a child requires immunizations is when turning 11, about when entering middle school. The vaccines the pre-adolescent child receives at this time are a Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis booster), the Hep A vaccine (if not already received), and the MCV-4 (meningococcal vaccine).

As of January 2006, two new vaccines, hepatitis A and meningococcal, have been added to the children's immunization schedule by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics. These vaccines are strongly recommended for attendance in Maryland public schools.

The hepatitis A vaccine should not be confused with the already required three series hepatitis B vaccine that most infants receive shortly after birth. The hepatitis A vaccine can be given as early as one year of age and should be initiated at any age beyond one year of age if the child has never received the vaccine. This vaccine is a two-series vaccine received six months apart and provides life long immunity. It protects against the hepatitis A virus, a virus that causes liver inflammation and is prevalent in the United States. This virus causes symptoms of nausea, vomiting, fever, and jaundice (a yellowing of the skin), and significant weight loss. The virus can be easily transmitted in contaminated food and water, unlike the hepatitis B vaccine that is solely transmitted by coming

in direct contact with someone with the hepatitis b virus.

The side effects to this vaccine are minimal, redness and soreness to the site of the injection. About 5 percent of individuals receiving the vaccine reported headaches, but these headaches were usually relieved with Tylenol™.

The meningococcal vaccine, while traditionally given to college age students living in close quarters such as dormitories, is now recommended to be given at age 11. Cases of meningococcal meningitis in the past couple of years have been reported among the middle and high school age group along with the college age group.

Meningococcal meningitis is one of the most rapid and overwhelming infectious diseases known. A child can be well at one moment, develop a headache, stiff neck, fever and drowsiness within a few hours and possibly die within 12 hours from the initial onset of the symptoms.

Usually, the meningococcal disease is transmitted by intimate contact with an infected person or staying in the same room with that person for more than four hours a day.

Side effects to this vaccine are minimal--soreness and redness at the injection site. No serious side effects to this vaccine have been reported so the benefit of the vaccine outweighs the side effects.

Making sure a child is properly immunized and current with vaccinations is essential to preventing the child and others from contracting severe

diseases. Because parents, school officials and state representatives have so strongly advocated the need for immunizations, the occurrence of these diseases has lessened. But in order for these diseases to be completely eradicated parents should be diligent, about children's immunizations.



Generic drugs: Are they safe?

Story by
DAVID N. TOMBERG
DoD

All generic drugs in the United States must go through the Food and Drug Administration's rigorous approval process to make sure they are chemically identical to the brand-name drug. The truth is that generics provide the same medicine and the same results as their brand-name counterparts.

Same medicine, same results

The FDA requires that pharmaceutical companies prove that the generic drug contains the identical amount of the active ingredient and works the same way as the brand-name drug. The pharmaceutical company also must manufacture the

generic drug under the same strict quality guidelines as a brand-name drug. Plus, the FDA scientists, chemists and microbiologists reviewing generic medicines must have the same qualifications as those reviewing the brand drugs.

Sometimes the generic manufacturer may not be allowed to use the same color or shape because of patents protecting the brand drug. These are only cosmetic differences that in no way impact the safety or effectiveness of the generic version.

Just as safe, but for a lot less

Generic drugs cost much less than the brand-name version. When buying generic drugs, the copay is only \$3—that's one-third of the \$9 copay for brand-name drugs.

The Defense Department's long-prac-

ticed mandatory generic drug policy requires pharmacists to fill prescriptions with a generic drug, if one is available. TRICARE will fill prescriptions for brand-name drugs that have a generic equivalent if the prescribing physician establishes medical necessity for using the brand-name drug. If the prescription is for a drug that has no generic equivalent, the pharmacist will give the brand-name drug at the brand-name copay.

Why are generics so cheap?

Brand-name drug companies develop new drugs under patent protection, giving them the sole right to sell the drug. When the patent expires, generic drug companies may submit a shortened new-drug

See GENERICS, page 13

Hearing in today's operational environment

Story by
1ST LT. HEATH STEELE
William Beaumont Army Medical Center

Noise is one of the primary work-related hazards in the Army today. The risk to Soldiers and civilians is higher today than in the past 30 years. New weapons systems and vehicles are constantly being added to the operational arsenal. Many of these weapons systems and vehicles produce hazardous noise levels.

In addition, explosions and blast trauma are a frequent occurrence for Soldiers deployed in various theaters. Blast-related trauma accounts for 60 percent of all wounded-in-action injuries in Operation Iraqi Freedom, according to the Office of the Surgeon General.

Hearing loss resulting from these situations is one of the leading reasons for medical referral of Soldiers returning from deployment.

In today's operational environment, every Soldier is potentially exposed to hazardous noise levels. There are no clearly defined fronts. The phrase "in the rear" has lost most of its traditional meaning.

Often, the most noticeable effect of blast-related injuries is ringing in the ears, known as tinnitus. Tinnitus occurs directly after an intense exposure and can last several days to a lifetime. If the tinnitus persists, there is very little that can be done.

Difficulty understanding conversations, especially where background noise is present, is another common complaint with hearing loss. This difficulty occurs when an individual loses the high-frequency portion of hearing, where the consonant portion of speech is heard. Background noise interferes with the speech sounds making it difficult for the listener to understand. This is most commonly referred to as selective listening.

These issues can lead to potential delays prior to deployment.

As of September 2004, the Army Personnel Policy Guidance has required that all deploying Soldiers be fitted with the appropriate hearing protection and have a baseline reference hearing test if one has not been performed and a baseline established. If a significant hearing loss that meets criteria for a profile is identified, further testing will be required prior to being deployed.

A Category 3 Physical Profile (P-3) for hearing can carry significant implications for deploying Soldiers. By regulation, a P-3 requires a mandatory Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)/Medical Retention Board (MMRB) to determine fitness-for-duty in the current MOS. Depending on the test results, Soldiers with a P-3 could be reclassified into another MOS or separated from service. It only takes a moderate hearing loss to fall into the P-3 category.

To avoid this type of deployment pitfall, the Army has a Hearing Conservation Program. Nearly everyone realizes that Soldiers need a hearing test every year. The annual hearing threshold check helps to determine if any Soldier has acquired a significant threshold shift. Such a shift allows further investigation into what is happening in that Soldier's environment that is creating more hearing loss. If needed, an evaluation by an industrial hygienist can determine if the noise levels at work have



<http://www4.army.mil/OCPA/uploads/large/OCPA-2006-02-07-120341.jpg>

increased or if more effective controls such as earplugs need to be instituted.

Most Soldiers, however, do not know that they are required to get an earplug fitting or at a minimum check the fit of their current hearing protection. The Army requires that everyone be fitted with preformed earplugs. These are not the yellow foam earplugs that are often passed out at the firing range or on the airfield. There are many sizes of hearing protection to accommodate nearly any size of ear. Currently, the Army has a "combat-arms earplug" that allows speech to pass through the earplug while suppressing impact sounds such as weapons fire.

There are certain occupational hazardous that cannot be avoided in the Army. However, training situations can be controlled. Many Soldiers develop permanent hearing loss from training situations where a simple 20-second action, such as placing an earplug, could prevent significant noise damage.

It is very important to realize that hearing conservation is not just a work issue. Hobbies at home can be just as intense and noisy as work. Woodworking, lawn mowers, chainsaws and automotive work all produce dangerous levels of noise. An inexpensive set of ear muffs or earplugs that fit properly and are properly maintained can go a long way to protecting hearing.

Hearing is vital. To help save hearing, take small easy steps to protect it.

For more information on hearing tests or earplugs, call Cheri Nelson Whiting, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic 410-278-1913. (Editor's note: 1st Lt. Heath Steele works in the Department of Preventive Medicine, Hearing Conservation Service, William Beaumont Army Medical Center.)

TRICARE reimburses for colorectal cancer screening

Story by
TERRY J. GOODMAN
TMA Communications

TRICARE continues to enhance its already robust health care benefit with the recent decision to reimburse the colonoscopy procedure as an option for colorectal cancer screening for beneficiaries age 50 and older who are at normal risk.

TRICARE believes the decision is appropriate and consistent with the preventive best practices of other recognized cancer organizations, such as the American Cancer Society and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

Prior to this value-added enhancement of the benefit, colonoscopies were not reimbursable for normal-risk, non-Medicare beneficiaries, between the ages 50 and 64, if symptoms had not been identified or if testing was done for screening purposes only. Only beneficiaries identified as having high risk factors, determined by direct family history (to include age and specific type of cancer discovered in the family member), received the option of a screening colonoscopy. Otherwise, fecal occult blood stool tests and proctosigmoidoscopy or sigmoidoscopy, every 3 to 5 years, were available to normal risk individuals over the age of 49 and did not include a screening colonoscopy.

Dr. William Winkenwerder, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, believes "this decision reinforces our commitment to the health care and disease prevention needs of our beneficiaries."

"Our beneficiaries deserve the best medical care that we can provide," he said. "This important change in policy will help doctors detect this disease earlier, which translates into saved lives."

Although colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable forms of the disease, it is also one of the leading types of cancer which results in death. Despite growing evidence that preventive healthcare services are the new benchmark for improved standards of care, only 18 states have enacted legislation requiring insurance providers to cover colorectal screening costs, according to the 2004 Colorectal Legislation Report Card. TRICARE continues to improve its benefit and proudly joins the 18 states who have applied this growing body of knowledge to their medical philosophies and practices.

By providing colonoscopies to a larger population, TRICARE will not only save a greater number of lives, but will also eventually realize a significant savings due to the noticeable cost differential between treating patients with early-stage colorectal cancer and treating those with later-stage colorectal cancer. Preventive screening allows for diagnosis and treatment for early-stage colorectal cancer at two-thirds the cost of a later-stage diagnosis.

"Early detection is crucial when fighting cancer," said Army Brig. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of TRICARE Management Activity, who endorsed and signed this policy change. "Ultimately, this policy enhancement will not only save lives but also improve the quality of life for those diagnosed with colorectal cancer."

Even though the effective date for this change is March 15, 2006, TRICARE currently remains in the implementation phase. As the new benefit becomes available in the next few months, reimbursements will be retroactive to March 15, 2006.

Until such time as TRICARE is able to make payments for claims under the new provision, service members, retirees and their families are encouraged to pay their bills and save the receipts. Beneficiaries will be notified when to submit claims for any TRICARE reimbursements as implementation occurs and claims filing procedures are announced.

Donation

From page 2

The donated items included back packs, CD players, phone cards, DVD players, FM radios, men’s’ and women’s’ underwear and socks, personal hygiene items, razors, candy bars and other snacks, envelopes, stamps, batteries and a host of other items including 10 DELL limited edition day planner note books obtained by Clark from his brother, a Dell employee.

In addition, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8126, of Havre de Grace, added a

‘start-up’ donation of \$150 in support of the group’s efforts.

“Our post is now engaged with your efforts and stands ready to provide your command with assistance in this truly noble cause,” said George Scantick Sr., post commander. “Our wounded Soldiers always deserve our best efforts in their support.”

Clark and Rivera spent the afternoon visiting with several hospitalized Soldiers on the wards.

For information about donating to the Wounded Warriors at WRAMC, call 202-782-6362, FAX 202-782-6366 or e-mail wramc.redcross@amedd.army.mil.



Sgt. 1st Class Troy Weaver, left, and 143rd Ordnance Battalion commander Lt. Col. Linwood Clark, carry a box of donated goods into the Red Cross storage room at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

DOC announces PR cutoff dates for 2006

The Army Contracting Agency Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Contracting has established its fiscal year 2006 cutoff dates for submission of purchase requests.

Early customer support in identifying and submitting PRs by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the APG DOC to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

Offices are advised to submit year-end requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

The following schedule has been established for the submission of PRs for FY 06 and maintenance for FY 07: (Items with expired dates will be handled on a case-by-case basis)

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 – July 1*
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 – Aug. 1
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million – July 1
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 – Aug. 15
- Services Over \$100,000 – July 1
- Delivery Orders and Task Orders Under Existing Contracts – Aug. 1
- GSA Schedule Procurements – Aug. 1
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 – June 15**
- Maintenance for FY 2007 – July 1

(FY 07 Contract Modifications and Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts)

* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

**Customers submitting “short-of-award” PRs, especially for services require-

ments, must seriously consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after PRs that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds.

The above lead times can be affected by various factors, a few of which include: competition requirements, to include fair opportunity for services task orders over \$100,000 when using Federal Supply Schedules; obtaining sole, limited source or urgency approvals – the Justification and Approval process; the review process accomplished by the APG Small Business Advisor to ensure all socioeconomic programs will be appropriately addressed; front-end PR entry, and PD2 (PD2 is the DoD contracting automated system used at APG).

New requirements affecting lead times

When placing sole source orders over \$2,500 under Federal Supply Schedules, a Justification and Approval must be prepared and approved by a Contracting Officer.

When purchasing supplies or services over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$100,000) using non-DoD contract vehicles (which includes placing orders with GSA), proposed actions must be reviewed and approved considering:

- If the action is in the Best Interest of the Government – satisfying customer requirements, schedule, cost effectiveness (taking into account, discounts and fees), and contract administration including oversight.
- Other factors which must be addressed: determining that tasks or supplies ordered are within the scope of the contract; ensuring funding is used IAW appropriation limitations; providing unique terms, condi-

tions and requirements for incorporation into an order or contract to comply with all applicable DoD-unique statutes, regulations, directives and other requirements (e.g., all clothing, shoes and other items specified under the Berry Amendment, procured with DoD funding, is of domestic origin); and collecting data on the use of assisted acquisitions for analysis.

Information technology

Desktop and Notebook Computer Purchases. To maximize cost savings, all Army desktops and notebooks ‘shall’ be ordered through the Consolidated Buy program utilizing the Army Desktop and Mobile Computing agreements. For the policy memo issued by the Army’s Chief Information Officer on July 22, 2005, Buying Schedule, Specs and Pricing, Submittal Instructions, Request Preparation, Exceptions, and Frequently Asked Questions, visit the Consolidated Buy page at: https://asep.monmouth.army.mil/scp/cb/cb_index.jsp. Requests for these items must be submitted to the Directorate of Information Management. For standard requests, DOIM will approve the request and forward it to the ACA DOC for processing. For non-standard requests, DOIM will review and validate the request and then forward it to ACA. For more information, contact the ACA APG DOC chief, Technology Branch, 410-278-0883.

The contracting officer is responsible for and this office’s policy is to determine the best method of procuring any supply or service based upon regulation, urgency, delivery, socio-economic concern and competition which provides the best value at a reasonable price.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case

basis and will require approval by the chief of the Contracting Division. The APG DOC will do as much as possible to assist customers in satisfying their requirements after the cutoff dates. However, the directorate has a limited capability to process late requirements. Budgetary constraints may mean that customer-funded overtime may be the only method to provide the directorate with additional flexibility to accept requirements after the established dates.

Individual contacts

Joyce Roberts, Contracting Division joyce.roberts@us.army.mil, 410-278-0869

Facilities Branch: For repair, alteration, construction, sale and removal of excess real property, services for base operations functions (including, but not limited to, utilities privatization, custodial, refuse, underground utilities locating, etc.), equipment-in-place and facilities contact Martha Mitchem, martha.mitchem@us.army.mil, 410-278-2362.

Services Branch: For general and specialized services for mission support; range testing of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental, and maintenance of equipment; full food services; environmental services; equipment-in-place, and other base operations services, contact Shirley Kelly, shirley.a.kelly@us.army.mil, 410-278-0854.

Technology Branch: For ADP equipment; word processing equipment; software; general, specialized, and test equipment; instrumentation; supplies; and ADP maintenance and services contact Ginny Corona, Ginny.corona@us.army.mil, 410-278-0883.

The ACA APG DOC Web site is located at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/aca/>.

The fiscal year cutoff dates for submission of PRs are located at this site under “Announcements, News, and Notes.” For customer assistance, use the recently added link, “Customer Corner,” for guides, templates, formats and helpful Web sites.

Purchase requests awarded “subject to the availability of funds” must be funded as soon as funds become available. The work must start and the contractors must be paid – this is not accomplished until the funds are certified.

Preparation of PRs

When preparing PRs in PRWEB (formerly known as Acquiline):

- Do not use any dashes or spaces in the PR number.
- When preparing attachments for any electronic document to be used by contracting, submitters must use Normal, Times New Roman, 10. The contracting writing system used by Contracting cannot format correctly if a font other than Normal, Times New Roman, 10 is used or if any special characters are used in the document.
- Do not use page breaks, section breaks, column brakes or special characters such as trademark signs, tm, ®, <, etc., in any document that will be used in a purchase order or contract.

Generics

From page 12

application to the FDA for approval to market an equivalent product under its chemical, or “generic,” name. Under the shortened new-drug application process, the generic drug manufacturer does not have to repeat expensive research on ingredients or dosage forms that are already FDA-approved. This saves the pharmaceutical company time and money—and they pass the savings along to the consumer.

By using generics, consumers will enjoy a safe and less expensive alternative to brand-name drugs. Buying generics saves money today and helps Defense Department's save money, ensuring the future of the TRICARE benefit.

(Editor’s note: Dr. Tombert is the deputy assistant secretary of defense for Clinical and Program Policy.)

Burke

From front page

“confidence and support.”
“I know I couldn’t have done it without you,” Burnett said.
Of Burke’s selection as the new project manager, Reeves noted that “for this job, we select the best of the best.”
After accepting the charter from Reeves, Burke remarked that he was “truly humbled and honored” to take the reins

of the organization.
“I recognize the authority and accountability of this charter and of those at the Joint Project Management Office,” he said. “I think that as a team we are going to accomplish a lot together.”
Col. Kyle T. Burke
Prior to coming to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Col. Kyle T. Burke served with the Joint Staff, J8, Capabilities and Acquisition Division, as a Weapon Systems Program evaluator, providing support to the Joint Requirements

Oversight Council and the Defense Acquisition Board.
Burke holds a bachelor’s of business administration from Eastern Kentucky University and a master’s of business administration from Pennsylvania State University.
His military education includes the Command and General Staff College, the Advanced Program Manager’s Course and the Transportation Officer basic and advanced courses.
Past assignments include the Pentagon, Germany, Fort Campbell, Ky., Croatia, Bosnia and Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.
Joint Project Manager, NBC, Contamination Avoidance
In July 1987, the Project Manager for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense was established as an office of the Program Executive Office Chemical/Nuclear. Since that time, several reorganizations and name changes have occurred.
In 1993, Public Law 103-160 (50 USC 1522) National Defense Authorization Act of 1994, created Joint Service CB Defense Program mission to provide world-class NBC defense capabilities to allow the military forces of the United States to survive and successfully complete their operational missions.
Reporting to Maj. Gen. Stephen V. Reeves, the Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, the Joint Project Manager NBC, Contamination Avoidance, is responsible for the development, production, fielding and sustaining of world class nuclear, biological, chemical detection, warning, reconnaissance and obscuration defense systems for the Joint Services.
More than 140 personnel located at Aberdeen Proving Ground and other installations combine to complete this critical mission.